

THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

1945 Bulletin # 9.

Sept. 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

Vacation came abruptly to an end and Fall hit us with a bang. With the advent of Autumn, radio developments took place that pleased all of us. The ban on amateur radio was lifted on 112 - 115.5 Mc and the hams are oiling up their gear and getting ready for the other bands as soon as the frequencies are opened up, but before our enthusiasm carries us away, we must give forth with a little poem that is quite in keeping with the start of the school season:

Teacher makes us raise a hand,
Said little Donald Root;
But Towser hasn't any hands,
So he has to raise a foot.

The MRAC started its 1945-46 season on Sept. 6th and the attendance was the best in 4 years with 43 members and 19 visitors present, making a total of 62. Ham chatter flew wild and furiously with everyone more or less excited about getting on the air. The club will run another code class, technical counselors were appointed and plans were made for lectures and movies.

Lt. Sid Rose, W9VKC, was ready to go back to India, then V-J day came along and his plans were changed. He is now on terminal leave and will be active in the club.

T/Sgt. Gil Rink and T/Sgt. Eugene Berens were home on furlough and dropped down to the club.

Irv. Weinman, W9HMO, formerly civilian radio instructor at Truax Field and the U. of Ill. was a visitor and reported that he will be inducted into the army next week.

Pfc. Russell Arnold, W4GTY, Savannah, Georgia, was a visitor.

Adolescence: When you change from an it to a he or a she.

The meeting of Sept. 13th was attended by 29 members and 23 visitors, for a total of 52. Sid Rose, W9VKC, was appointed club publicity chairman. Plans were formulated for a 2½ meter QSO party, with Joe Collins, W9PYM, as chairman.

Clyde Richelieu, W9ARE, was a visitor. After several years in Washington, D.C., he will now be permanently located in Milwaukee.

Capt. Les Williams, exW9DOR, now W4ERZ, was a visitor, as were also Travis Baird and XYL. Baird has just returned from Puerto Rico.

She was a good looking blonde, and her tire went flat. She hailed a passing motorist. He stopped. She said, "I wonder if you'd help a girl in trouble?" He said, "Sure, sister, what kind of trouble do you want to get into?"

The meeting of Sept. 20th was attended by 36 members and 32 visitors, for a total of 68. Lt. Art Trautmann, W9KFB, was a visitor. The event of the evening was a lecture and demonstration of the cathode ray oscilloscope and its applications by Harry Halinton, representing DuPont Laboratories and Dave Elam, W9FPP, of Electro Products Co. The lecture was so well given that no doubt was left on how or why the oscilloscope works.

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Joe Collins, W9PYM, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ meter contest chairman, passed around the rules of the contest which will take place Oct. 7th.

Remember when the word Pansy meant a flower?

Bill Hebal, W9EVE, transmitter engineer at WTMJ, told us a dandy joke that ended with a ventilating fan doing its ~~stuff~~ = Good joke, Bill, but why did everybody leave?

Bob Mayer, W9KLM, formerly opr. with NW Airlines, is now shooting again for WTMJ.

Tom Bailey of the Electric Co., wonders why the Bulletin doesn't run his London fog-girl's bicycle joke.



1st Bride: Does your husband snore in his sleep?

2nd Bride: I don't know yet, we've only been married 3 days.

Between 3 and 5 billion dollars in new and used electronics and radio communication equipment, produced for the armed forces, will be disposed of by approximately 225 radio manufacturers throughout the nation, the RFC announced.

Several 1000 walkie talkie sets, mobile communication units, field sets, radar devices, code practice sets, and radio direction finder units will be included. Very few of the items will be sold in their original form, the RFC stated.

The Ohio Bell Telephone Co. has applied to the FCC for permission to operate a radio-telephone station at Cleveland, to provide service to various types of motor vehicles.

If a light sleeper sleeps with a light on, does a hard sleeper sleep with a window open?

The federal government has dropped all control of radio tubes. The services will only take about 1/5 of the tubes they formerly used. The balance will go to radio set manufacturers and what they don't use will be available to John Q. Public.

Just like the Old Gray Mare who had her faults - That's why they put dashboards on buggies.

The WERS activities are just about wound up. On Aug. 29th, Unit 31, operating portable from the top of the Mariner Tower, was heard in Highland Park, Ill. Several of the Units are still on occasionally, but all controlled net activities have been concluded and Herb Wareing, W9NY, radio aide, has instructed the boys to dismantle their antennae before the cold weather sets in, as WERS will terminate Nov. 15th, 1945. The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ meter band sounds like old 5 used to - everybody and his brother is on the air - activity galore.

Teacher: "Now, children, every morning you ought to take a cold bath, which will make you feel rosy all over. Are there any questions?"
Pupil: "Yes, teacher, tell us about Rosy!"

Communications were received from the following:

Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, wrote a letter from Patrol Bombing Squadron 198. This was followed by a phone call from Romie that he is now at Great Lakes marking time and waiting for his exit papers.

Sgt. Gil Rink wrote from Southern France and followed his letter in person.

Norb Kelly, CRM, W9JWN, wrote from San Francisco and also followed his cards and is now at Great Lakes waiting to be "demobbed".

Lt. Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote several letters from Luzon. He was located at Clark Field, near Manila. The last letter was written a few days before he expected to leave. A cablegram received by his mother stated that he left Manila, Sept. 17th.

Lt. Art Trautmann, W9KFB, wrote from McChord Field, Tacoma, Wash. Art left England, spent a leave at home, went to McChord, then to Camp McCoy, and is now on terminal leave.

Sgt. Jimmy Fischer wrote from St. Gelgen, Austria. He did quite a bit of sight seeing over there. He is expecting to be home soon.

Sam Strzelczyk, CRM, wrote several letters from the USS Samuel Chase. Sam participated in 5 major amphibious assault landings in Europe and a reinforcing landing at Leyte, Philippines, and is now headed for Japan.

(+) The automobile motor would knock and sputter to a stop. After a half hour of such performance, it pounded and suddenly wheezed to a final stop on a lonely road.

"I wonder," worried the sailor, "what that knock is?"

"Maybe," suggested his blonde companion, "it's opportunity!"

Don Merten wrote from New York. Don is now with Raytheon. He mentioned that Henry Koch is a co-worker and also that Hank promised to write, but according to past experiences, we won't bank on it, although that would give us a 100% response to our Bulletin.

Pfc. Paul Fipple wrote from Esslingen, Germany. Paul expects to be home soon.

Edgar Smith, ARM 3/C, W9DYO, wrote from Memphis, Tenn. He's been down there 2½ years.

Edward Thornley, S 1/C, wrote from Great Lakes. He graduated from primary school, but secondary school was stopped for USNR. All desiring further schooling must sign up for 4 years in the USN. Ed indicated that he was going to sign over.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote from Saipan. Fred mentioned that he has 61 points and needs only 49, so he is patiently waiting. He sent along some surrender pamphlets.

Paul Leser, ACRM, W9ADI, wrote from Pensacola, Fla. At long last Paul was made chief. He expects to be discharged soon.

Sgt. Don Hayner wrote from a staging area near Naples to inform us that he is on his way home.

And there was the bow-legged cow-girl who had trouble keeping her calves together.

T/4 Ed. Strzelczyk, W9ANK, wrote from Oslo, Norway. He expects to be home soon.

Ch. Rad. Elec. Ted Kercher, USN, K6SNW, exW9HWY, wrote from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. After 7 years in the Navy, Ted expects to be "demobbed" by Jan. 1st.

Sgt. Bill Erickson, W9CJN, wrote from Hoerring, Germany. He's been alerted for shipment back to the States.

To those who think our little Bulletin doesn't go places, we wish to mention that the Aug. 16th issue of the India-Burma Theater "Roundup", published in Delhi, India, gave the MRAC 2 inches of ink in the Broadway and Vine Column. Our thanks to T/7 Osmosis Fink and the Roundup gang.

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We nominate as the two biggest wolves in the country - Chase and Sanborn, they date every bag.

We wish to thank the Boys for writing and informing us that they are coming home. We'll be glad to see you and the MRAC welcomes you. Keep us posted, the rest of you fellows.

And again we come to our topper-offer which was appropriately titled "Who's Who?"

(+) A married couple were sleeping peacefully when the wife suddenly shouted out in her sleep, "Good Lord! My husband!"

She was awakened by the crash of glass as her husband waked with a start and jumped out of the window.

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address or give your home address.

Those not acknowledging this bulletin will be automatically dropped from the mailing list.

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October 25, 1945.

Dear Members:

Our plea for acknowledgement of the Bulletin produced very meager results. Many of the Boys, of course, are on the move, many are in the process of being demobilized, so our efforts will probably draw to a close by the end of the year. We would like to continue for our source of jokes and poems, corny as they may be, is far from being depleted. As young men are still being drafted we'll give you an example of what we mean:

If Adam were living even now,
4-F would surely be his vow;
A missing rib might cause no fuss,
But Jeppers! NO Umbilicus!!

The Club meeting of Sept. 27th was attended by 31 members and 20 visitors. Romie Hudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, having been discharged from the Navy, after 5 years service, was a visitor. The code class is going strong with 16 pupils taking the course. Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, gave a talk on a 2½ meter converter.

The meeting of Oct. 4th disclosed 35 members and 28 visitors present. Lt. (jg) George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, after 4½ years service, is on terminal leave, was a visitor, as was also Paul Leser, ACRM, USNR, W9ADI, who also has been discharged. Art Kaufman formerly with Radio Research Laboratory was a visitor.

(*) Sailor: "Why do you wear black garters, dear?"
She: "In memory of those who have passed beyond."

The Oct. 11th meeting revealed 45 members and 27 visitors present. E. J. Irving, W9GCO, is back in our midst and was a visitor. He is back at his old stand at Radio Parts Co. The main event of the evening was the announcement by Joe Collins, W9PYM, chairman of the 2½ meter QSO contest, of the winners and the prizes. The statistics of the contest showed the following:

The contest date was Sunday, Oct. 7th, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Winners were decided upon the basis of total points. Two for each QSO and one for each airline mile.

1st place, an Eimac 35TG transmitting tube, was won by Charles Meyer, W9GVL, using 30 watts input, with 21 contacts for 196.26 points and a total of 154.26 miles.

2nd place, a Leach antenna change-over relay, was won by Herbert Baker, W9GSP, using 8 watts input, with 10 contacts for 138.65 points and a total of 118.65 miles.

3rd place, a Hytron HY 75 transmitting tube, was won by Cyril Shallow, W9SQK, using 55 watts inputs with 16 contacts for 115.96 points and a total of 83.96 miles.

Longest mobile contact and low score prizes of a 6SN7GT tube and a roll of friction tape both went to Jack Doyle, W9GPI.

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Highlight of the contest was W9GSP's installation of receiving and transmitting antennae and oscillator half way up a 250 ft. tower, interspersed with several diaper changes for his youngster, that Herb had to take along or miss out on the contest. W9GVL asked whether Herb used "damped waves" on his transmissions.

Two burly cannibals caught a beautiful young American girl and brought her before their chief. He glanced casually over the girl, yawned, and said: "I believe I'll have breakfast in bed this morning!"

The club meeting of Oct. 18th was attended by 39 members and 31 visitors. Norb. Kelly, CRM, USNR, W9JWN, having been discharged from the Navy after serving 5 years to the day, was a visitor. Two reels of Signal Corps movies "How to Tune a Transmitter" were shown and enjoyed by the gang. Sid Rose, W9VKC, will arrange to obtain more and similar movies. Bernie Wright ran the projector that was obtained through the courtesy of the West Allis Central High School.

(9) "I shall now illustrate what I have in mind," said the lieutenant as he erased everything from the blackboard.

The Milwaukee Subsection of the Institute of Radio Engineers had their first meeting at the Marquette University Engineering Bldg. with Phil Laeser as chairman, Ed Cordes, secretary and Walther Richter, program chairman. The speaker of the evening was Dr. R. F. Field of General Radio Co., who gave a lecture on "The Behavior of Dielectrics Over Wide Ranges of Frequency and Humidity."

Australian radio amateurs expect to be able to resume trans-pacific communication with the U.S. before Christmas, according to a report issued from Canberra. Relicensing will likely occur within the next two months.

Flash: A Boston girl tried to commit suicide last night - she jumped under a fast mail.

Tests showed that both AM and FM radio systems could be utilized satisfactorily in railroad communication. Both systems were tested simultaneously under identical operating conditions and each showed certain advantages and a choice would depend on the operation and maintenance factors involved in individual projects.

Chairman Paul Porter of the FCC predicted expenditures to exceed 5 billion dollars in the communications field during the next few years. Construction of 2 to 3 thousand FM stations are forecast within a few years and television stations in 187 key cities within 5 years.

What's the difference between a war and a peace? My, my, who ever heard of a good war?

The Wisconsin Broadcasting System, whose president is Thad Wasielewski, asked the FCC for a permit to construct a new standard station in Milwaukee.

License terms of amateur radio stations and operators have been extended from 3 to 5 years by the FCC according to a report of October 4th.

The Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers' Union (AFL) has applied to the FCC for permits to build and operate its own FM stations in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chattanooga. Plans are to invest \$450,000 in getting stations established to stimulate "educational and cultural activity". The CIO also has applied for permits for FM stations at Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Flint, Newark and Cleveland.

It was their first date and they were both thinking the same thing. She called it telepathy. He called it beginner's luck.

A survey made by the Radio Manufacturers' Ass'n. reports that new FM transmitters for use on the relocated frequencies from 88 to 106 Mc. are not expected to be available until well into 1946. Many of the present FM stations will be rebuilt but over 400 applications are on file with the FCC for new stations.

The Milwaukee Journal's FM station, VMFM, at Richfield is being changed to more power and to the new frequency. A temporary transmitter is broadcasting on the old frequency from Radio City.

A soldier transferred recently to a carrier pigeon outfit was busy cleaning out a cage. He sang as he worked. A passing captain commented, "Good Heavens, don't tell me that you enjoy doing that?" "Sir," replied the soldier, "before coming here I was in the cavalry."

The FCC reports that action is waiting on 509 applications for FM stations, 267 for AM stations, 133 for commercial television stations and 147 for changes in existing standard stations.

Already operating are 47FM, 6 television and 955 standard stations.

The City Club's committee on county affairs has opposed the installation of a separate FM radio system for the sheriff's dep't., stating that the present Milwaukee Police radio is well equipped to handle all fire, police and sheriff calls. The city has an investment of over \$125,000 in its radio system and any other county expenditure for a separate station would be a duplication and unnecessary.

Said one knee to the other: "I wonder what's going on up at the "Y" tonight?"

Communications were received from the following:

Sgt. Curtis Schultz wrote from India. He is coming home and will drop in to see us soon.

Carl Rohde, RT 3/c, W9ROM, wrote from the USS DAYTON somewhere in the Pacific. He expects to be home by the end of the year.

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Ed. Thornley, S 1/C(RT) dropped us several letters from the Navy Pier, Chicago. Ed. is marking time waiting for something to happen.

Elmer Ash, W9ESE, dropped us a line from Port Washington. He wants to be kept on the mailing list and will drop in to see us soon.

E. J. Irving, W9GQO, formerly with Raytheon dropped us a line from Wausau. Irv will be back at Radio Parts soon.

Major Fred Seifert, Air Corps, W8WWA, exW9EFK, wrote from Red Bank, N.J. Fred was recently promoted. His co-workers made him write for they don't want to miss out on the Bulletin.

Pity the poor man who is heir-minded and not heir-conditioned.

Leroy Spanheimer, ART 1/C, exW9AFW, wrote from Jacksonville, Fla. Spanie expects to be discharged soon.

Dr. L. S. H. Baird, ex9HO, dropped us a card from Los Angeles. Dr. Baird has been appointed professor in basic sciences at Drown College of Radio Therapy and Natural Healing. He also is plugging for a law degree which he will get soon.

Sgt. Gil Rink had his furlough extended 15 days, but has now left for parts unknown.

M/Sgt. Lester Gerlach, W9UPM, wrote from Fort Monmouth. Les, having more than 45 points, has been transferred from a "hot" outfit to another that is not going across.

George W. Bailey, W1KH, President of the ARRL and Chief of Scientific Personnel of the Office of Scientific Research and Development wrote from Washington, D.C. He does not want to miss an issue as his office staff is receiving a liberal education from reading portions of our Bulletin.

T/Sgt. John Rashinsky wrote from Deming, N.M. He's awaiting discharge which should come this month.

Irv. Weinman, W9HMO, wrote from Camp Crowder, Mo., where he is undergoing basic training and will be shipped out with the army of occupation soon.

And the bull said: "If you want any steaks next year, 'Don't Fence Me In!'"

Lt. Comdr. Bill Crouch, USNR, ex9BDD, wrote from Washington, D.C. Bill was recently promoted but expects to be discharged about the first of the year.

M/Sgt. Tom Luitink, W9ULE, wrote from Sheppard Field, Texas. Tom expects to be discharged about the first of the year.

Pfc. Paul Ripple wrote from France. Part of his outfit was sent home, but he and six others will be sent to Brussels, Belgium and later back to Germany.

Ensign Dale Harris, USN, W9PCN, wrote from the aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY. Dale wants to be kept on the mailing list and sends 73 to the gang.

And so we come to our topper-offer which, though not new, has the makings of a good story:

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A good-looking young WAC, on her day off, decided to take a stroll through the countryside. Soon she came to a beautiful little lake and, since it was a very warm day, she decided to take a plunge in the cool waters. After looking around cautiously to be certain that she was alone, she hastily undressed in a clump of bushes by the lake. Just then she heard a man's voice say: "Camouflage Company, dismissed!" Whereupon the "bushes and trees" began walking around. She jumped into the water and buried herself chin deep and waited for the company to leave. After about an hour they had all gone but one buck private who stayed and stared with no apparent intention of leaving. The WAC became furious and began wading around in the water. Suddenly her foot struck something that seemed to be an old dish pan. She pulled this up and hastily covered her front, marched up to the private and said: "Young man, do you know what I'm thinking?" "Yes, Ma'am," he smilingly replied, "You're thinking there's a bottom in that pan."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line and you will hear from us next month.

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1945 Bulletin # 11

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Dear Members:

As most of the service papers and publications are discontinuing their editions due to the return and discharge of the Army and Navy personnel, our little effort will also come to a conclusion with 1945 Bulletin # 12. We will, however, continue with a monthly MRAC letter to the Boys still in the service, providing that they write in to us. "No tickee, no wushee" if you gather what we are trying to get across. It will be a letter giving the highlights of the club meetings and local radio activities interspersed with our usual brand of corny jokes and poems, as we still have some left which we can prove by the following:

(+) A bather whose clothes were strewed
By winds that left her quite nude,
Saw a man come along
And, unless we are wrong,
You expected this line to be lead.

The meeting of Oct. 25th was attended by 38 members and 30 visitors. Lt. Louis Wollseger, USNR, W9ANA, on 30 day rehabilitation leave, was a member-visitor, as was also Comdr. Fred Cetel, USNR, W9DTY, who is on terminal leave. Both gave talks on navy radio and their respective experiences in the Pacific.

Have you heard of the butcher who backed into the meatgrinder and got behind on his orders?

The meeting of Nov. 1st was attended by 41 members and 25 visitors. The code class is making satisfactory progress. T/Sgt. John Rashinsky having been discharged from the Army, was a member-visitor.

Our eagle eye discovered the announcement of the engagement of Robert C. Schmidt, W9VDY, who is with Raytheon in the East, to Miss Phyllis Robertson of Wakefield, Mass.

The doctor told the lady that her fourth husband had just died. Nonchalantly she replied, "Excuse me, a moment, while I go and cut another notch in the bed post."

The meeting of Nov. 8th had the sides of the Conference Room bulging out with 46 members and 40 visitors present. Bob Sackett, one of our members, appeared in uniform, having been inducted into the Navy as S/1(RT). Ray Charney, RT 3/C, was a visiting member. Sgt. Jim Fischer, a discharged member, was a visitor. Cpl. Waldemar Heinrich, Pfc. Orrin Loch and Leroy Spanheimer, ART 1/C also discharged from service, were visitors. The highlight of the evening were the Signal Corps movies "FM and Facsimile" and the Army's Normandy Invasion." The membership has reached the century mark and soon we will have to procure the Library's large lecture room.

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An old surfer married a young honey. The first night of their honeymoon the bride was nursing. She had gone off on a bender.

George Pfister, W1IZC, became the proud father of a baby girl. Congrats George and Connie.

The meeting of Nov. 15th showed 65 members present. Texaco's Technicolor movie "Fleet Landing in Oil Wells," was shown. Capt. Robert C. Johnson, member-visitor on terminal leave. Lt. Col. John E. Appleton, Wis., was a visitor.

Sid Rose, W9VKG, Chairman of the party committee, held Nov. 16th, reported that 65 attended the party including 6 guests. The club provided ample food and refreshments. Fred Gatch, W5DTK, was so glad to be home after his enthusiastic he strained his ankle badly.

(+) "I've been in an awful state of consternation for three or four days," said the sweet young thing.

"Did you ever try braze?" asked the boy friend.

Western Union announced plans for a 62 million dollar radio relay system which will link the nation's major cities within the next seven years and eliminate the need for cable lines.

On Nov. 19th the FCC announced the changes in frequency bands. The temporary 142-115.5 Mc band expires and is replaced with 144-148 Mc (2 meters). The 56-60 Mc band (5 meters) will be temporarily permitted until the 50-54 Mc is vacated and available. The old 1f meter band, 28-29.7 Mc has been opened up as have also amateur bands above 2,300 Mc. Amateur stations will be barred in control, south and west Pacific. The wartime order prohibiting amateurs from communicating with foreign stations has been revoked. Validity of operator's licenses has been extended to May 15, 1946.

Two worms were crawling down the page.

First worm: "I think I'll crawl away."

Second worm: "O.K., I'll crawl away."

Monitoring the 10-meter band takes a fellow back quite a few years. Sunday afternoon finds the band pretty well filled up with weak, lame, overmodulated, lousy and broken signals, just like old times. The 50's and 60's are rolling in at our local 10-meter on "the" We noticed many YL and KYL ops. on the air especially from the West Coast.

(*) A sweet little old lady spent days working on a pair of men's pajamas which she contributed to the Red Cross.

"I made them myself," she said proudly. "They were perfect in every detail except that there was no opening in front of the pants. The inspector hated to hurt her feelings but he explained the error to her. The dear old soul's face fell. Suddenly, however, she brightened. "Couldn't you give them to a bachelor?" she said.

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Communication Department

Lt. (jg) Bill Black, USNR, wrote from the Philippines. He wants to know how W9ANA got his radio junk home.

T/Sgt. Guy McClain, WOCDP wrote from England. He is probably on his way home by now.

Sgt. Gil Rink, wrote from Camp McCoy. He expects to be there until December and then hopes to be discharged.

Capt. Len Geier, WOZDP, wrote from Japan. He expects to be on his way home around Jan. or Feb.

Cpl. John Holmes wrote from Australia. He mentioned that the Boys don't care for the six wif' CI equipment on the ham bands but have been warned to desist.

"One of the Gang" in George W. Bailey's office, Washington, D.C. Thanks a lot for your letter. We enjoyed the jokes and scribbles immensely and I'm going to thank the anonymous writer for the interest shown.

Frank Jancarik, RT 3/C, wrote from Fort Pierce, Fla.

And so we come to our topper-offer, as the communications received department is getting to be rather slim. Only 7 letters received against a high of 30.

Not all of our jokes are risque or moronic. We know a few that are just plain common sense jokes. To illustrate, we give you the following:

(1) A teacher was attempting to explain to the class the difference between abstract and concrete, and was doing her best to make her explanation very simple and clear. "Now," she said, "concrete is somethin' that you can see and abstract is somethin' that you cannot see."

A little boy looked quite enlightened, so the teacher went on to test her explanation. "George," she said, "give me the explanation of something concrete."

"My pants," was George's reply.

"Correct," said the teacher. "Now give me an example of somethin' abstract?"

"Yours," gleefully answered George.

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TEN PLATES OF SWAN'S MARCH AT GALT, IOWA.

December 25, 1945.

With this issue of the Bulletin we will sing our swan song. It has been a lot of fun getting out the monthly paper and the response has been gratifying. We have had many letters from the Boys. The task was gladly done, at times it was tough sledding. The hardest job was keeping track of the addresses and if you recall we begged on bended knee to be kept informed. So we again thank the Boys who took time out of their busy schedules to supply the paper, the typing of the master and the running off of over 100 copies each month.

Having been asked by so many of the Boys who the nut was us none other than W9 His Royal Modesty. It was Kreis, the editor, who was responsible for the idea. He was the one who suggested the approach of writing the letters from the Boys to the Boys. This would keep the Boys in touch with Home. The Gang at the club wanted you to know that we were carrying on, thinking of you and waiting for the day when you all would be back. And so, without much further ado, we give you the following:

(X) The girl I hate
Is Nora Slight,
She always tells me:
"Not today."

Lest we forget, you will find enclosed herewith our Pictorial Supplement. This will give you an idea of our WERS activity during the year. The preparation of this supplement was made possible by the photos of Clarence Crapo, W9VD, and Zaehler, W9VII, and contacts by Tommy Gettelman, W9IZQ.

(X) First Cutie: "How do you know that your sweetie is an experienced traveller?"
Second Cutie: "He only touches at points of interest."

It is with a heavy heart that we are writing this. The last letter we received from the Boys was dated November 20, 1945. Since that date we have not heard from them. We have written many letters and have not received any answers. We are still holding out hope that they will come home. The last letter we received was from Tom, W9IZQ. He and his wife, Clara, a 36 weeker, became the proud parents and the father became the proud papa of a baby girl.

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The old saying that a gentleman prefers blondes only means, they get dirtier quicker.

The Dec. 6th meeting was attended by 41 members and 25 visitors. Mr. Roger Flores, of the Marine (Motorola) Corp., gave a talk on Handie and Walkie Talkies, illustrated with lantern slides.

(*) Definition of a stork ~ a bird that scares girls.

The Dec. 13th meeting was attended by 38 members and 9 visitors. The attendance dropped off due to a snow storm and extreme cold weather. E. J. Irving, W9GZD, gave one of his small "Odds & Ends" talks on lighthouse tubes.

Men have been tried and found wanting ~ all wanting the same thing.

The Dec. 20th meeting was attended by 43 members and 17 visitors. Two reels of Signal Corps movies were shown, entitled: "Training of Radio Operators in the Air Force" and "Task Force". G. P. Stany, W9BUQ, and R/Sgt. Lester Gerlach, W9UFT, discharged members of the Navy and Army respectively, were visitors.

(*) Marriage is just a public confession of a strictly private intention.

Dr. W. L. Everitt, President of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Head of the Dept. of Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois and who has been Director of the Operational Staff of the Chief Signal Officers, U. S. Army, gave an interesting talk on Radio to 700 members of the Engineering Society of Milwaukee, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers, at the Public Service Bldg. Auditorium on Nov. 28th.

He: "So you've worn the same coat on auto rides all over the country?"

She: "Yes, dear, it has covered a lot of ground!"

The Ass'n of Police Communication Officers had a five chapter conference at Chicago the early part of November. Al. Krones, W9UIT, one of the WPA operators, was crowned Big Chief Wahoo. He understand that he bravely underwent the grueling ritual without flinching or showing any outward signs of embarrassment. Al proved that he prefers two dial tuning and he especially liked the vernier arrangement ~ handy gadgets, sez Al!

Reporter (to visiting Frenchman): "And what are you most anxious to see in America, Monsieur?"

"I wish to visit that famous Mr. Beach who had so many sons in the last war."

Then, there's the strange story of a local ham selling his transmitter, crating same and shipping it to California. Now everything he hears that FB signal being beamed this way from W6OMC, Sausalito, Cal., he gets morose, melancholy, chews his fingernails and mumbles strange words under his breath.

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"I'll get around to you in a few minutes."

Communications were received from the following:

Dr. L.S.H. Laird, ex9HO, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ed. Thornley, ETM 3/C (Electronics Technicians Mate) Navy Pier, Chicago.

Capt. Walter Laing, Air Corps, W9KX, Hollywood, Calif.

Ray Charney, RT 3/C, Norfolk, Va.

Cgt. Paul Ripple, Frankfurt, Germany.

Sgt. Daniel Grether, Sioux City, Ia.

Lt. Comdr. Bill Crouch, USNR, ex9HDD, Washington, D.C.

Comdr. Bill Cainer, USNR, W9SO, Alameda, Calif.

Cuyahoga Radio Ass'n, Cleveland, Ohio.

And then there was the widow who told the bachelor:
"Take it from me - don't get married!"

As we mentioned in the last few issues, we will get out a two page condensed letter beginning next month and will send same to all the Boys that write to us. This will be issued in limited quantity, so have your letter in by the 25th of the month if you wish to hear the latest from the IRAC.

And now, as usual, we come to our topper-offer:

(5) "Mandy, have you any children?"

"Yassum! I'se got five. Two by my fustest husban', an' one by dis Sam husban' I'se got now, an den I has two by Myselluf."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line if you want to hear from us next month.

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The Gang.

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MRAC 1946 LETTER # 1

January 25, 1946

Dear OK,

Time slipped by pretty fast and the so-called "Bulletin" is due; but this time in letter form. It will be a lot easier on the "help" to get out a dozen or so letters rather than well over a 100. But we're sticking to our decision to send the letter only to those that write to us. We'll try to keep up to our usual poems and jokes, so before we get out of practice we give you the following, which is more truth than poetry:

(X) Women's faults are many,
Men have only two;
Everything they say,
And everything they do.

The MRAC meetings are drawing good crowds and it seems nearly like old times. Dec. 27th meeting drew 45 members and 25 visitors and was "Old Timer's" night; but very few old timers were present. Fred Catel, W9DTK, gave an interesting talk on his start in wireless back in 1909. Erv Kreis, W9HRM, was made a life member for services rendered to the club. Unbeknown to the present Board it developed that W9HRM had been made a life member in 1942, so that when Kreis was asked to say a few words he thanked the club and stated that as he was the only double life member, he would be able to greet the Boys at both places in the Great Beyond.

News Flash: On Dec. 31, 1945, the OPA removed the ceiling prices on manhole covers. Take it for what it's worth and be governed accordingly.

The Jan. 3rd meeting had 55 members and 12 visitors present. Emil Felber, W9RH, read a letter from John Kiener, W8AVH, Central Division Director, regarding the club's opinion on the matter of frequency allocations, changes in licensing, etc. A spirited and lively discussion took place that ended only because "lights out" put a stop to it.

Then there was the story of the old maid that went to bed with a box of soap powder - she had heard that Duz does everything.

Sixty members and 22 visitors attended the Jan. 10th meeting. President Scarvaci announced that Hank Koch, W9VIB and Don Lerten, both now located in New York, presented the club with an addio amplifier. Reid Burrows, W9JWN, gave a very interesting talk of his USMC experiences entitled "Percolating on Peleliu."

(X) Then there is the bachelor who got thrown out of his apartment when the landlady heard him drop his shoes twice.

At the Board of Directors meeting, Jan. 14th 1946, held at the residence of Tommy Gettelman, W9IZO, in Elm Grove, it was unanimously decided to have a QSO Party and a tentative date was set for Sat. May 11th. The committees named were as follows: Erv Kreis, W9HRM, Chairman; Sid Rose, W9VKC, Publicity; Fred Catel, W9DTK, Entertainment and IG; Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, Prizes and Ralph Koenig, W9RUF, Treasurer and Ticket Sales. It was also decided that all returned servicemen who were club members in good standing when they entered the regular US services, and upon their

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returner again resumed membership, could be given to Mr. McNeil to the QSO Party.

Mother got a Frigidaire after she overheard the talkers in the kitchen, as the ice man was delivering a cart of ice:

"Hello, sonny."

"Hey, when you call me that, smile," replied her little son.

The Jun. 17th meeting was attended by 51 members and 35 visitors. Rex Lunger, W9LIP, of Taylor Tubes, gave an interesting and diversified talk on his 10 meter rotary beam, the new a phenol 300 ohm flat line, his 2 years overseas experiences and finally the latest on the new Taylor tubes.

The Boys are pretty active on 10 meters. Saturday and Sunday afternoons the band has all the appearance of a rat race. The W6's and W7's come rolling in and sometimes too DX from K6's and LU's. Short skip breaks occasionally and when everything goes dead the Boys have a great time chewing the rag locally. So with that we bring our letter to a close, but not before we sneak in a topper-offer:

(+) One of the deputies in the French parliament was urging an improvement in the legal status of women. He said: "There is little difference between men and women."

With one accord the entire chamber of deputies arose and shouted: *Vive la difference!*

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, and don't forget what it takes to get the MRAC letter.

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IWC 1046 Letter No. 2

February 25, 1941

Dear CX,

Although this letter is not very long, it takes more effort to get it out than the former six page Bulletin, because too much of the spare time is spent with the 10 meter rig - listening and trying to work DX. So it is hard to knuckle down, which reminds me of a poem:

Here lie the bones
Of Mary Meek,
Her will was strong
But her won't was weak.

Our club membership has now reached 145 and we surely have nice crowds at the meetings as the following reports will show. More and more of the Boys are becoming activated and the 10 meter band is getting to be rather cluttered up. Everyone hopes that the lower frequencies will open up soon. ARRL reports that its membership has reached 50,000 and still going strong.

She was just a used furniture dealer's daughter and that's why she wouldn't allow much on the old davenport.

The Jan. 24th meeting was attended by 55 members and 30 visitors. Two reels of Signal Corps movies were shown, being instructive films on Radar reception. They were very interesting and gave us an insight of what can be done with Radar.

For a real optimist there was the nonagenarian who married a young woman and then began to look around for a nice house near a school.

On Jan. 31st we had a nice heavy snow storm which cut our attendance down, there being 44 members and 15 visitors present. Louis Hollaezer, W9ANA, gave an excellent talk on Loren which was very interesting.

The nice boy who lisps when he tells the nice girl he likes her size.

The meeting of Feb. 7th disclosed 49 members and 41 visitors present. Comdr. "Doc" Wyman, USNR, W9SZH, was a visiting member, being on terminal leave. Doc will again be located at Sacred Heart Sanitarium. Jack Beck, W9FCY, reported that he contacted Bob Schmidt, W9VDY/I on CW. E. J. Irvine, W9GCO gave a splendid talk on antenna feed lines which the Boys absorbed like a sponge does water.

From Clark University has come the report of an artificial procreation of a rabbit, which just about takes all the fun out of being a rabbit.

Feb. 14th meeting another snow stormy night, revealed 40 members and 14 visitors present. "Big Jawn" Wilkinson, W9HEEL, was a visiting member. It's been a long time since we heard John's deep low chuckle. E. J. Irving, W9GQO, augmented his talk of last week by telling us of stacked dipoles, besides additional antenna material.

⑧ Fashion Notes: Women are wearing the same things in brassieres this year.

The Feb. 21st meeting was attended by 60 members and 54 visitors. Messrs. Harry Rubenstein and Milton Ehlers of the Globe Union Co., gave a very interesting illustrated talk on the VT or Proximity fuse, its minute radio control unit, the printed circuits used therein and a short discourse on ceramic dielectrics. Highly interesting subjects enjoyed by all.

Lest we forget, it is apropos to announce at this time that the MRAC will have its seventeenth annual Ham SO Party on May 11th, 1946 at the Republican Hotel. We will have a Buffet Dinner, High Class Entertainment, Famous Milwaukee Refreshments and the usual ticket stub box. This will be the first Ham party in these parts and we ought to be host to quite a crowd. We hope so anyway.

And so, we come to the end of another letter which would not be complete without a topper-offer. So here goes:

One of those benign lady settlement workers stopped a hard working youngster and asked where his father was.

"Ain't got no father," said the kid.

"And your mother?"

"Ain't got no mother."

"Ah, too bad, when did she pass away?"

"I never had no mother."

"Then ho... were you born?" inquired the lady in dulcet tones.

"Oh, some damn guerilla played a dirty trick on my aunt."

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MRAC 1946 Letter No. 3

March 25, 1946

Dear OM:

Spring sneaked up on us and with the advent of the seasonal workings of nature, our hobby has also blossomed forth in more ways than one. Ten meters is, of course, kind of crowded and pretty much in use, but a lot of DX is being worked on both phone and CW. The Northern Lights have been quite in evidence lately and have caused some peculiar conditions. Surprises come fast and in bunches: Firstly, a new 11 meter band was opened up for immediate use - 27,100 to 27,400 kc. Then, April 1st part of the 80 meter band will be opened with the frequencies of 3700 to 4000 kc for CW and 3900 to 4000 may also be used for phone. Additionally, 250 to 240 MC was opened for immediate use, so now the books show us to have 11 - 2 - 6 - 10 - 11 and 80 meters. Not so bad for a start. So when things begin to pop it is a sure sign of Spring, which is proved by the following:

You can speak of signs of weather,
Of winds in the air - how they sing,
But to seat yourself
On the point of a tack
Is the sign of an early Spring!

The February 28th meeting was attended by 59 members and 36 visitors. Visiting members were Fred Lambrecht, W9VEG, who was recently discharged from the army, and Walter Stromberg, W9DC, our Lake Geneva sheepshead wizard. Gene Mahoney, W9ZIT (Jeep), a former member, was a visitor and gave a humorous talk of his navy experiences and his meeting with Louis Vollaege, W9ANA, in the Philippines. Jeep now lives at Watertown and his former identification of "In the Shadow of the Knickerbocker" has now changed to "In the Shadow of the Box Factory". D. Wesley Correll, W9FY, recently discharged from the army, was a visitor as were also Harry Harris, W9LLK, of Chicago, and Ray Breecher, W9FVL, of Waukesha. George Pfister, W9IZC, gave an interesting account of his navy experiences and a talk on the cathode ray tube and getting intelligence from the cathode ray stream.

Many a man has made a monkey of himself by reaching for the wrong limb.

March 7th meeting was attended by 61 members and 35 visitors. Travis Baird, W9VOD, gave an interesting talk on Sonar and under water sound equipment. The QSO party arrangements are under way. The date, May 11th, 1946; place - Republican Hotel.

∅ "Have you ever awakened with a jerk?"
"Heavens, no! Why, I'm not even married."

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The March 14th meeting was attended by 52 members and 44 visitors. Dr. R. H. Baker, W5BTL, who is stationed at Soldiers Home at Wood, Wis., was a visitor. The Messrs. Peterson and Krueger of the American Phenolic Corp., Chicago, were present and Mr. Krueger gave a very interesting talk on various types of co-axial cable and the new Amphenol twin lead transmission lines. As the boys are using the latter quite extensively for 1/2 wave folded dipoles, the subject was timely and enjoyed by all.

④ Then there was the housewife who couldn't pay the grocer because she had given everything she had to the iceman.

The March 21st meeting was attended by 57 members and 35 visitors. Mr. Walter Kluge, former member and one of the real old timers, was a visitor and gave a short talk. Other visitors were Erv. Buchert, W9QHR, Watertown; Loren Skalitzky, W9DIG, Jefferson; Wilfred Simonsen, W9PFH, Racine, and Mike Zienkiewicz, W9KQM, Town of Greenfield. Jack Doyle, W9GPI, Cy Shallow, W9SQK, and Mike Zienkiewicz, W9KQM, gave a report on their ground wave QSO's. W9SQK gave a short talk on his beam antenna experiences, trials and tribulations, followed by methods of rotating their beams by the following: LQR, TAD, AQZ, CFL, GPI and CDV (the latter described by GVL).

As the little dog said as he came out of the tobacco field:
"Does your cigarette taste different lately?"

The 10 meter Ground Wave Gang report the following: Rex Munger, W9LIP, Lombard, Ill., relays the report that Muskegon, South Haven, and Lansing, Michigan, have heard W9GPI, W9SQK and W9KQM, all of Milwaukee, and have worked many Chicago stations. La Grange worked Peoria, Evanston worked Indianapolis, and many Chicago stations worked West Bend. KQM worked DeKalb, Lombard, Prospect Heights, Mt. Prospect, Waukegan, Ill., Plymouth, Ind., West Bend and Watertown, Wis. GPI and SQK also worked the Illinois gang plus West Bend and Watertown.

So, to wind up our letter, we give you the following topper-offer:

④ There's the story about Tony, whose wife passed away, and he was almost inconsolable. At the cemetery he collapsed with grief. In the car, riding back home, his whole frame shook with wild sobs. "Now, now, Tony, my boy," soothed his friend, "it is really not so bad. I know it'sa tough now, but in sixamonth maybe you find another beautiful bambina and firsta ting you know, you getta married again." Tony turned to him in rage. "Sixamonth," he shouted. "What I gonna do tonight?"

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, and don't forget what it takes to get the MRAC letter.

April 25, 1946

Dear CM:

Things looked rather black when the Hotel informed us that they were unable to handle our Party, but the sun is shining again as we were lucky and found a suitable place just in the nick of time. The time and date are the same; 6:30 P.M. Saturday, May 11th, 1946, the place has been changed to the Milwaukee Auditorium, Marquette Hall. The reports from the Prize Committee are favorable and the ticket sales are progressing satisfactorily, so that a good crowd is anticipated. We can take a breather for a spell and quote the following little doggerel:

There goes the merry, jumping flea;
We cannot tell the she from he;
The sexes look alike, you see -
But she can tell and so can he.

On March 25th the following Milwaukee Hams went out of town to pay the Racine Megacycle club a visit: Wisc. SCM Felber, RH; MRAC V-P Koenig, RUF; Peschek, LJU; Shallow, SCK; Knapp, LQR; Geiersbach, FJE; Reinmund, PTE; Drugmand, W8SF0/9 and Irving, W9GQO. The latter gave a talk on antennas.

A statistician is a guy who helps figures when they can't lie by themselves.

The March 28th meeting was attended by 58 members and 22 visitors. W9ECC of West Bend was a visitor. It was reported that Gimbels sold 52 tank transmitter - receivers and very few were purchased by Hams. George Pfister, W9IZQ, continued his talk on "Intelligence from the Cathode Ray Stream."

(K) And then there was the nearsighted goon who wore his glasses to bed so that he could better see the blonde he dreamed about the night before.

The meeting of April 4th was attended by 56 members and 24 visitors. Two GI movie films were shown, being: "Pacific Invasion" and "Plotting Courses and Firing Torpedos with the Use of Radar." Club Rosters were distributed to the members.

(K) The right eye said to the left eye: "There's something between us that smells."

The MRAC has been in communication with ARRL regarding the 1936 MRAC 56 MC Achievement Award, a very nice gold trophy cup which was to be awarded to the first licensed U.S. amateur who worked two-way between continents and still is unclaimed. It will again be awarded to the first licensed U.S. amateur who has two-way communication between continents on 50 - 54 MC or any amateur band above 54 MC.

After being married ten years and still not a father, Zilch's wife gave birth to twins. Zilch insisted she wasn't his.

The April 11th meeting was attended by a record crowd of 66 members and 47 visitors. Tom Bailey, assisted by Herb Baker, W9GSP, gave an illustrated talk on the location tests, construction progress and erection of tower of the Electric Co's FM station WOHL. They also had one of the portable mobile transmitters and receivers on display. Visitors were Max Schwartze, an old timer, vintage 1907; W9CJX formerly of Wisconsin Rapids; W9FPR, IIZ, LAV, & AXX all of Janesville and W9FPH of Racine.

She knew she did and thought she was, but the doctor said she wasn't, so what was she?

April 17th the R1 was in town to give operator exams. A group of 42 took the tests for amateur and com'l. tickets which is the largest in Milwaukee so far.

A Scotchman became a divorce lawyer because he could get so many women free.

The meeting of April 18th was attended by 65 members and 35 visitors. Among the latter were W9FFK, IAO and exW9FSX. Announcement was made of an MRAC meeting held jointly with the Milwaukee Section of the IRE at the Marquette Engineering Bldg., on May 23rd, at which time Mr. Ted Hunter of the Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will give a talk on their radio equipment.

Then there was the gal who always thought assets were little donkeys.

The meeting of April 25th was attended by 62 members and 32 visitors. W8WFR of Toledo, Ohio was a visitor. The QSO Party Prize Committee reports are very good as are also the ticket sales. All club members, in good standing, who were in the military services will receive a gratis ticket to the Party. Just a little token of the club's appreciation.

And so we come to our topper-offer, which is an oldie, but here goes:

"I haven't a room left," said the hotel clerk, "But I can give you a cot in the ballroom. However, there's a lady in the opposite corner, but if you go in quietly, and don't turn on the light, she'll be none the wiser."

"That's fine with me," said the wearied traveler, and into the ballroom he went.

About ten minutes later he came dashing out to the desk.

"Say" he gulped, "That woman in there, she's - she's dead."

"We know it," replied the clerk, "but how did you find out?"

So be careful, Boys take good care of yourselves, and drop us a line.

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